## **ABSTRACT**

A method for performing transport format combination indicator (TFCI) processing in a wireless communications system begins by collecting received samples for a timeslot. Processing of the received samples for the timeslot that does not require a transport format combination (TFC) code list or a TFC code list valid indicator is performed. Next, a TFCI value for the timeslot is received and is processed at the timeslot rate, producing the TFC code list and the TFC code list valid indicator. Then processing in the timeslot that requires the TFC code list or the TFC code list valid indicator is performed.